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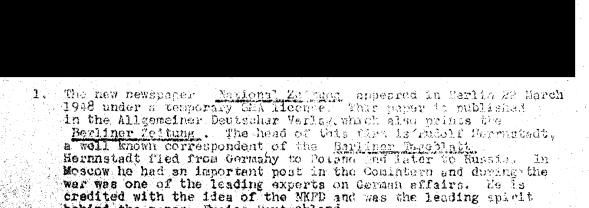
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On his return to Berlin in 1945, Rerrnstadt began his present activities. His paper and publishing house are not officially connected with the KPD or SED. Its profits are paid to a special account called "Welfare Fund for PWs in the USR". The publishing house prints many brochures and pamphlets for distribution to the Germans in the USSR.

behind the paper Freies Deutschland .

Dr. Hans Hartmann is listed as editor-in-chief of the National Zeitung. He is a pacifist turned Wazi and new a tool of the Russlang. He was refused denorification by the Artists' Tribunal in 1947. Hartmann was given the job of editor because of his connections with the Free Germany people. He has been instructed by Herenstadt to exploit German willtary qualities and national. ism. The Volksrat propaganda in the <u>National Zeitung</u> is to be completely divorced of any Communist ideology. He has been promised that this paper will soon be more important than any other in Germany. It is to be conducted anonymously and is the only Russian-licensed paper privileged to use the militaristic line. The National Zeitung is scheduled to become the official government paper" of the new Russian Zone government supposed to be formed on the basis of the NKPD.

A. von Wülcknitz is the Foreign Affairs and Military Editor of the National Zeitung. He is an old conservative officer, wrote military commentaries during the war, was with the Tagesspiese: for a short period and then with the Berlin an Mittar. He also has close connections with the NKFD.

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5. Additional writers on the Stall of the National Zeitung that have been identified include onto Zander, Press Chief of the Hitler Youth Cultural Office; Gerhart Weise, correspondent of the Nazi Angriff and radio commentator under Goebbels; Hans Heinrich Henne, wer correspondent for the Välkischer Beobachter .

6. The Pussians have ordered the editorial staff of the National Zeitung to refrain from all nublic appearances. Hartmann's name was removed from the masthead after the second issue but he continues in charge. The aim of the National Zeitung is to win over all Nazi, militarist, and nationalist elements to a new "Unity Part;" to be launched by the NAFD.

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